



**READING THE LETTER:** Randolph A. Hearst, with his wife at his side, reads a letter to news people Thursday in which a radical group called the Symbionese Liberation Army claimed credit for kidnaping the Hearst's daughter, Patricia, on Monday night from her apartment in Berkeley, Calif. The letter was mailed to Radio Station KPFA in Berkeley and turned over to the Hearst family. (AP Wirephoto)

## Kelley Begins Probe Of Oil Companies

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley today announced he has begun a fullscale statewide antitrust investigation of the country's major oil companies.

Kelley said the probe would

focus on the Michigan activities of virtually every large oil company, including Amoco, Exxon, Gulf, Mobil, Shell and various Standard companies.

The first phase of the investigation will begin next week when Kelley sends questionnaires to all public school districts, incorporated cities and county road commissions in the state.

"This phase will be directed toward finding if there has been collusive bidding by the major oil companies in the supplying of heating oil and gasoline to local units of government," Kelley said.

He said he would ask the mayors, school superintendents and road commission chairmen for help in determining how large oil companies have conducted bidding for such business from 1970 through 1973.

Revealing that the results of the investigation will be supplied to Connecticut officials, who began an antitrust suit against major oil companies last summer, Kelley said:

"No single state can take on the major oil companies alone. There are simply too big and have too many resources."

"I am convinced that the states must work together in order to determine if our antitrust laws have been violated by



**INJURED FIANCÉ:** Steven Weed, 26-year-old fiancé of abducted Patricia Hearst, is pictured in Cowell Hospital on the University of California campus in Berkeley, where he is recuperating from injuries sustained during the Monday night kidnaping of Miss Hearst. "I felt my head was going to cave in," Weed said of his experience, telling how he managed to escape the kidnappers despite being beaten over the head with a heavy wine bottle. (AP Wirephoto)

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## South Haven Mayor Loses

## City Manager Can Keep His Office

SOUTH HAVEN — (Special) City Manager Albert Pierce won the battle for his office suite in the new city hall last night.

The city council voted 4-3 to permit Pierce to occupy the office area designated for him in the new \$65,000 structure.

The decision overruled a move by Mayor Elizabeth Davis, the city's first woman mayor, to claim the space.

Voting for Pierce's occupancy were Councilmen Norvan Books, Robert Warren, Matthew Goerg and Wilbur Ingraham. Voting against were Councilmen William Andresen and Rex Lineberry and Mayor Davis.

Action on the controversy came before a capacity crowd in the city hall chambers during a special meeting forced by Books and Warren. The two had contested the mayor's decision to occupy the manager's office.

suite had gone beyond her authority.

The council, in making its decision, also voted to find quarters in the new city hall for the mayor, but did not specify where.

Pierce was not present. He is attending a managers' meeting in Ann Arbor.

Goerg provided the key vote in the council's action. He had indicated during an executive session Monday when the council first considered that he would favor the mayor's occupancy of the manager's space.

In voting against the move, he said "I received many, many calls relative to this issue, all contrary to my stand on the matter. I cannot ignore the requests and desires of these people. I hold my office by virtue of their faith in me to

represent their wishes in city government and the way in which it is to be run.

Goerg said he originally believed that office chosen by the mayor would in no way disrupt the usual day-to-day operation of the city government nor would it demoralize the employees working in the immediate area.

"I had the mayor's assurance that she did not intend to violate the city charter in any way by circumventing any of the city manager's authority," Goerg added.

Andresen, chairman of the city hall building committee, supported the mayor's desire saying her plan in no way was contrary to the spirit in which the building was designed.

The philosophy of the design

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## Hearst Girl 'Prisoner Of War'?

### Terrorist Group Say It Kidnapped Heiress

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — An underground terrorist group says it is holding kidnaped Patricia Hearst as a prisoner and will execute the newspaper heiress if efforts are made to rescue her.

An anxious Hearst family awaited further word from the mysterious Symbionese Liberation Army, which claimed responsibility for the abduction in a communique Thursday. The group offered a gasoline credit

card belonging to the girl's father as proof that it held the 19-year-old coed as a "prisoner of war."

The girl's father is Randolph A. Hearst, president and editor of the San Francisco Examiner. The group's communique called him "corporate enemy of the people."

Hearst said, "If this is a political problem it may become very difficult."

In the letter Thursday to Berkeley radio station KPFA, the radical group claimed the girl was alive and unharmed. But it added:

"Should any attempt be made by authorities to rescue the prisoner, or to arrest or harm any S.L.A. elements, the prisoner is to be executed."

Hearst said he believed his daughter was alive.

Miss Hearst, a University of California student, was kidnaped Monday night from her Berkeley townhouse in a flurry of gunfire.

The same group has said it was responsible for the cyanide-bullet assassination last November of the black superintendent of the Oakland schools. Two alleged Symbionese Liberation Army members are being held in the murder of Marcus Foster Nov. 6. At that time, the group vowed vengeance on "the fascist state."

The letter and Mobil credit card were turned over to Hearst.

The group's only demand was that the letter be published in full.

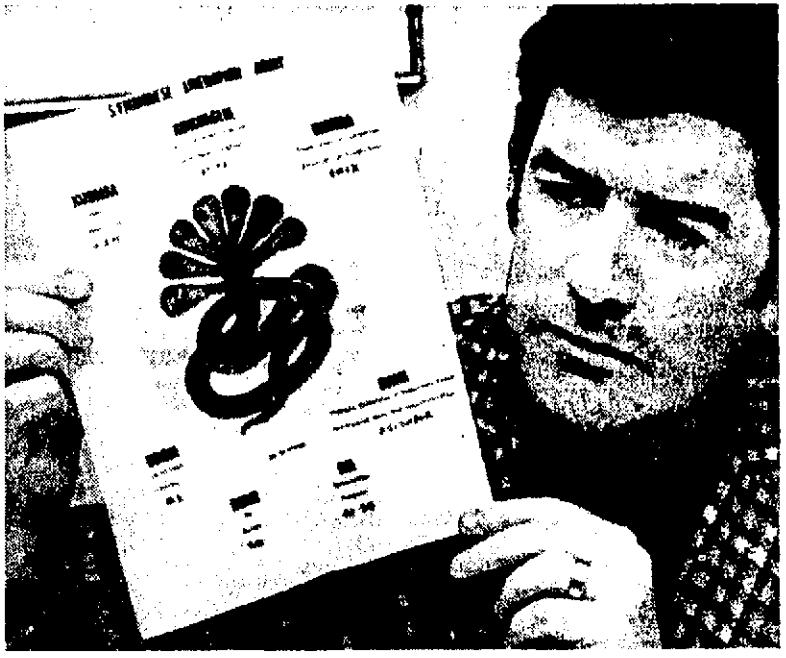
"No demand for ransom of any kind, whether it be an exchange of people or a money demand, has been received," said Jack Cooke, a spokesman for the Hearst family.

Hearst said Thursday night he expected further word by mail today or Saturday.

Thursday's typewritten letter, labeled "Communique No. 3, Feb. 4, 1974," said without amplification: "Further communications will follow."

Hearst said, "I just hope whatever demands they make

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**SEVEN-HEADED COBRA:** Tom Donohue, deputy police chief of Oakland, Calif. holds the seven-headed cobra symbol of the Symbionese Liberation Army which Thursday announced it had abducted Patricia Hearst from her Berkeley apartment Monday. The heads denote aims and goal of the S.L.A.: Creativity, Self Determination, Cooperative Production, Collective Work and Responsibility, Purpose, Faith and Unity. (AP Wirephoto)

## Strike Not Over But Trucks Roll

By CRAIG AMMERMANN  
Associated Press Writer

More trucks were reported moving on the nation's highways today, but resistance to

### A Sign Of Our Times

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — The Associated Grocers warehouse sign here is carrying a sign of the times:

"Roses are red, state police are blue,  
Drive 55 or you'll be blue,  
too."

No did drivers attending

Thursday night meetings in

Joplin, Mo.; Branford, Conn.;

Wildwood, Fla.; Coates, Minn.;

Palmyra, Ill.; Moorhead, Minn.; Glasgow, Del.; and

Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz. To

flex their strength, some of the

protesting drivers went out and

closed down more truck stops

Thursday night.

Pennsylvania Gov. Milton J. Shapp, the self-appointed mediator who initiated the Washington settlement talks, vowed to visit dissident independents to explain the agreement to them and get them rolling again. Others favoring the settlement agreed to in Washington early Thursday planned to do likewise.

But National Guardsmen remained on duty in eight states to keep the peace and escort truck convoys of gasoline and food. Federal officials said they might call out federal troops if necessary.

State police in at least 10 states said that truck traffic was up, but still far below normal levels.

In almost every case, drivers speaking out Thursday on the proposed settlement echoed the view of Roger Gallaway of Overdrive magazine.

"It's a sellout," he said. "They sold these guys down the river."

Violence was down considerably Thursday after the proposal was announced. There were reports of tire slashings, hose cuttings and scattered shootings. A bullet struck a policeman's car in Oklahoma.

There were still more than 100,000 workers laid off, and some more layoffs were expected to be felt briefly even if the

strike ends. There were also predictions of scattered food shortages in the Northeast, where prices for scarce meat, poultry and produce were climbing rapidly. And it was predicted meat and produce would be short in supply for a week or so, with prices higher than normal.

Against that background, a few independent truckers said (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

## Miners Rebuff Heath

LONDON (AP) — Britain's coal miners today rejected a last-minute plea from Prime Minister Edward Heath to put off their strike until after the Feb. 28 national elections.

Union leaders decided instead to call out the nation's 280,000 miners on schedule from midnight Saturday, raising the specter of widespread electricity cuts during the three-week election campaign and paralysis of British industry by

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RICHARD H. AUSTIN  
On BH Panel

## Austin On BH Panel To Discuss Saving Electricity

Secretary of State Richard H. Austin will be on a panel discussing how the public can save electricity at a 7 p.m. meeting Tuesday in the Benton Harbor public library.

Also offering suggestions will be Benton Harbor Mayor Charles F. Joseph and John P. Banyon, Benton Harbor division

manager for Indiana and Michigan Electric Co.

A panel of I & M personnel will also be in attendance to field questions from the audience.

Suggestions will be offered on how electricity can be used wisely, resulting in a savings of energy and money.



NEIGHBORS AID CHILDREN: Neighbors and passersby near a house at 631 Thresher avenue, Benton Harbor, carry children from smoke-filled home yesterday. Benton Harbor firemen said six children, ages 2 to 7, were left in the house before the fire under supervision of 7-year-old babysitter Anthony Haynes. Firemen identified Paulette Lee, resident of the house, as mother of four of

the children, and Isabelle Ash, no address available, as mother of other two. None of children was injured. Fire started in rear entrance to house, firefighters reported, and spread to kitchen, causing smoke damage to entire residence. Cause of fire was still under investigation. (Staff photos)

## Farmland Tax Relief Bill Passes Senate

By PAT CONNOLLY  
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A bill aimed at saving millions of acres of farm land from commercial development passed the Senate Thursday and moved to the House, where it faces a dubious future.

The bill would grant tax credits to owners of agriculture land and other specified open, undeveloped areas if they agreed not to change the nature of the land for at least a decade. The bill would take effect July 1, but even its supporters expressed doubt the House would pass the measure in the same form as it won Senate approval 26-4.

The Senate version would couple the tax relief for high property taxes with severe penalties which would give the state virtual control over development of land entered in the voluntary program. The

House, on the other hand, wants a program of tax credits without penalties which would tend to control development.

Under the Senate bill, the state would grant credit to farm owners for property taxes which exceeded seven per cent of household income if the farmer agreed to keep the land substantially the same for 10 years.

For example, a farmer who had a \$10,000 household income and property taxes of \$1,500 would receive an income tax rebate of \$800.

A major provision of the bill would require assessment of land at its value as farm land rather than at its potential value as commercial property. The state Tax Commission would appraise such property and submit its finding to the local assessor.

A person who left the voluntary program with the state's permission before the 10-year period ended would have to

repay all the tax credits he received plus 25 per cent of the value of the land. A person who altered the use of the land without state permission could be assessed double the value of the land.

A land owner leaving the program at the end of the 10-year period would have to repay seven years of tax credits, thus land owners would be financially encouraged to stay in the program for more than 10 years.

The contract with the state also would prohibit construction and land improvements "except as reasonably needed as farm operations." None of the land could be sold except as scenic, access or utility easements "which does not substantially hinder farm operations."

The earlier House version

called for a three-year program offering tax credits for farmers. It did not contain land development provisions, which bring the most objections from House members.

An estimated 32,400 acres of Michigan farm land are turned to other purposes annually, state agriculture officials say. A major concern is that rural land near metropolitan areas is being swallowed up by housing subdivisions, industrial parks, apartment complexes and shopping centers.

Especially vexing to farmers near urban areas is that although their land may produce little money it is assessed according to its value as potential a commercial site. Under the bill, the land would be taxed at the lesser value as farm land.

Owners of eligible open lands — such as certain stream banks, shorelines, forest areas or historic sites — would not receive direct tax credits but could apply for property tax relief. Approval would depend on where the property was located and how it was used.

Michigan currently has 12.3 million acres of farm land and about 80,000 farms, said Sen. Harry DeMaso, R-Battle Creek, the bill's Senate spokesman.

DeMaso's bill is a heavily reworked, 20-page version of a six-page bill passed by the House. It is almost certain to end up in a joint House-Senate conference committee, where substantial differences will be worked out before final passage.

Rep. Dale Warner, R-Eaton Rapids, the bill's sponsor, said he hopes the bill can get House study for at least a week before going to committee.

"I'm delighted with the general outlines of the Senate bill. I'm not one of your nit-pickers," said Warner, whose original bill passed the House last May.

A main House opponent, Rep. Quincy Hoffman, R-Applegate, said the language of DeMaso's bill "is too vague" and objected to the penalty provisions.

"I'm all for agriculture land preservation, but a lot of farmers I know wouldn't enter this program because of the penalties and because they simply don't know what they're getting into," said Hoffman, who raises cattle on a 100-acre farm in the Thumb.

Sen. John Bowman, D-Roseville, voted against the bill, saying urban area farmers would ignore the program while rural farmers get into it "for a tax break."

However, Sen. Alvin Degrow, R-Pigeon, who supported the bill, said, "At the very worst nobody will sign up under the bill. At the opposite extreme, it's too successful...it could cost the state \$25 million."

The bill itself would establish a state Land Use Commission to set up interim rules governing development on so-called "critical" lands. Such lands would include agricultural, forest and recreational lands, shorelands and sensitive environmental areas.

The measure has been watered down since its introduction, but is still sure to raise considerable opposition from business and real estate interests. It would place considerable restrictions on development of specified land within the state.

The bill came out of the Towns and Counties Committee on a vote of 7-4, and is expected to be sent to the Appropriations Committee today. Floor action will be delayed until next month.

Developments covering less than five acres would be exempt, also.

The interim controls would require commission approval of various types of development on critical lands. In no case,

Mastin emphasized, would

development be broadly prohibited; but only development consistent with the present state of the land and capable of retaining its nature would be permitted.

## Land-Use Bill Heads For New Committee

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A controversial bill which would start Michigan toward a statewide land use plan was reported out of House committee Thursday.

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The commission, drawing upon local recommendations, would then write a state land use plan, to be enacted by the legislature.

If local governments or counties incorporated the plan into their zoning laws, they could govern local developments on critical lands. If they did not, or if the developments crossed local governmental boundaries, the state would make the decisions.

Rep. Philip Mastin, D-Hazel Park, the bill's sponsor, and chairman of the Towns and Counties Committee, says it will be five years before such an extensive plan can take effect. But within six months to a year after the bill's passage, he said, interim controls would go into effect to prevent land speculation.

Zoned land would be exempt from the bill's provisions except, under an amendment included in the bill Thursday, land zoned agricultural would be included under the interim controls to regulate development of farm land where the zoning laws permit it.

## Stevensville 'Wants Answers' On Sewer Line

Stevensville village council voted last night to seek a meeting with St. Joseph township Supervisor Orval Benson over the much-delayed Hickory Creek interceptor sewer line.

Village President Arthur C. Kasewurm said the council "wants some answers" on the sewer line that is to connect the village, Lincoln township and St. Joseph township with the Twin Cities sewage disposal plant, a near \$2.7 million project.

The village president said the council has been getting complaints from homeowners and business men alike on the unavailability of the service.

Village residents were charged, and have been paying on, a \$1,200 per lot hookup fee for the service they can't yet use.

Use of the line has been delayed by a partial collapse of a 500 to 600 foot section of pipe on Cleveland avenue in the Hickory Creek ravine.

In other action, the council said it wants to count the number of residential stops for which a commercial garbage pickup service is being paid to make.

Several councilmen suggest the count after the council voted to pay the January trash pickup bill at the rate of \$1.75 for 430 stops.



VALUABLE ASSIST: Ray McClinton and Carol Dixon told photographer for this newspaper they assisted in clearing six children out of a home at 631 Thresher avenue (in background) after a 7-year-old babysitter rushed out of the dwelling when it started on fire Thursday about 4:07 p.m. No one was injured in the fire. McClinton and Carol Dixon said they were driving by when they noticed fire.

## Council Adopts Three Oaks' First Zoning Ordinance

THREE OAKS — Three Oaks village council last night unanimously adopted a zoning ordinance for the village, following a public hearing where no objections were filed.

The zoning ordinance which defines land use in the village will go into effect 20 days after publication, and is the first for Three Oaks. The ordinance is expected to become effective the first week of March.

The board also voted to put a

proposal for fluoridation of the village's water supply on the ballot in the village's March 11, election.

In discussing the fluoridation

proposal, councilmen noted that

the proposal be accepted by voters, an additional one-mill

levy in property taxes, might be

necessary to cover the cost of

equipping each of the village's

three wells and possible cons

truction of a fourth well.

Councilmen indicated the ex

penditure of such equipment would

probably run between \$3,000 and

\$4,000.

In other action, the council

voted to purchase a new two-

way radio for the village's

police patrol car at an estimated

cost of \$1,024.

The council also accepted

preliminary plans of REACH

for a tot-lot, a play area for

pre-schoolers, to be built in

Three Oaks. REACH is a New

Buffalo-River Valley school dis

trict area youth assistant

program. The tot-lot would be

planned as a memorial to the

late Three Oaks village mayor

Keith Gridley. No site for the

tot-lot has been determined and

construction would be financed

through memorials to Mr.

Gridley.

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## More Violence Here In Trucking Dispute

BY ALAN AREND and AS-  
SOCIATED PRESS

Two truck drivers were in-  
jured and several windshields  
smashed in southwestern  
Michigan during the night, des-  
pite an announced settlement  
Thursday between government  
and representatives of inde-  
pendent drivers.

State police at Wayland in  
Allegan county reported that  
two Meijer Thrifty Acres  
trucks, heading north to Grand  
Rapids on US-131 were struck  
with bricks thrown from an

overpass at Martin.

Both trucks pulled off the  
road, stopped a state police pa-  
trol car, informed troopers of  
the incident, and then proceeded  
on to Grand Rapids. One  
driver sustained minor injuries  
and the windshields of both  
trucks were damaged, one being  
shattered and the other cracked.

Police did not release the names  
of the two drivers.

Cass county sheriff's deputies  
reported that Robin Smith of  
Mishawaka, Ind., a driver for C  
& E Transport of South Bend,

Ind., said someone threw a 20-  
ounce fishing sinker through his  
windshield as he was headed  
west on M-60 near Jones. Police  
said Smith went to Pawatong  
hospital, Niles, on his own ac-  
cord, for treatment of an in-  
jured finger.

Two trucks in a three truck  
convoy on US-33 in Royalton  
township, were damaged  
Thursday about 1 a.m. when a  
car full of men pulled next to  
them and threw what was  
believed to be ball bearings at  
the rigs, Berrien sheriff's

deputy Jack Knuth reported.  
The incident was reported when  
the trucks stopped in Berrien  
Springs. None of the drivers  
were injured.

Independent truckers at Hil-  
debrand's truck stop, New Bu-  
ffalo, removed their blockade of  
fuel pumps following yester-  
day's announced agreement,  
but then set the blockade back  
up last night. R.J. Richards of  
New Buffalo, local independent  
truck driver spokesman, said he  
was calling for continued sup-  
port of the protest.

Nails were also scattered at  
the Sawyer truck stop, last  
night, and a number of tires  
were reportedly damaged.

At Holland, a confrontation  
between strikers and non-  
striking truckers ended  
peacefully Thursday as strikers  
tried to keep the others from  
leaving the M-21 One Stop.  
Holland police said about 20 of-  
ficers broke up the confrontation  
but made no arrests.

In other incidents across the  
state:

One trucker was injured when  
a steel ball bearing crashed  
through his rig's windshield and  
three other trucks had their  
windshields smashed early  
today on Interstate 94 near  
Jackson, State Police said.

The window smashings were  
among several violent incidents  
reported throughout Michigan  
Thursday night and today despite  
announcement of a nation-  
wide settlement between  
striking truckers and the  
government.

Troopers said William W. Ba-  
tie, 39, of Hawthorne, Fla., was  
taken to a hospital for treatment  
of injuries caused when flying  
glass pierced his eye around  
1:30 a.m. about 12 miles west of  
Jackson.

They speculated the ball  
bearing was fired from a  
slingshot.

None of the other drivers was  
hurt. Police said a bullet  
smashed through the windshield  
of one of the trucks. Troopers  
were unable to say how the  
other two windshields were  
broken.

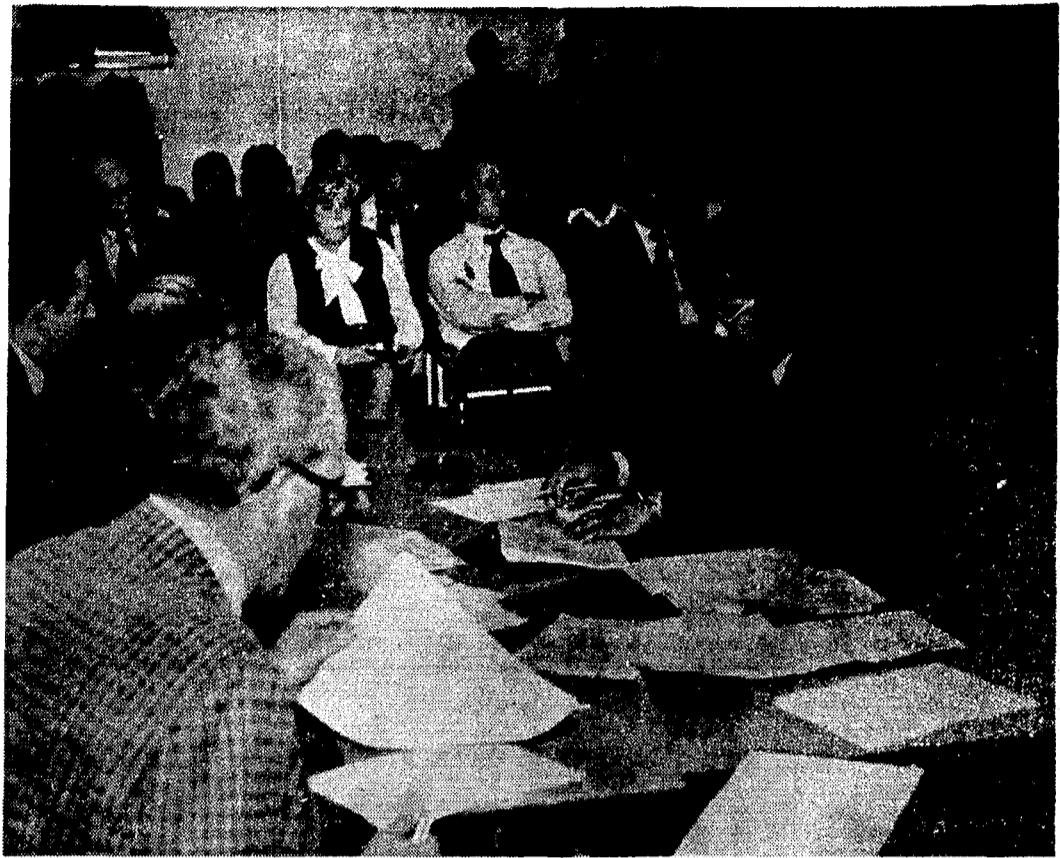
State Police said all four  
trucks were on westbound lanes  
of the interstate in the Jackson  
area when the incidents oc-  
curred, all within the span of an  
hour. Troopers said a single car  
traveling east may have been  
responsible for all four window  
smashings.

State Police in Tekonsha said  
a Lansing driver narrowly es-  
caped injury late Thursday  
when a bullet pierced his rig's  
windshield on Interstate 69  
south of Marshall.

Troopers said the bullet,  
fired from a high-  
powered rifle, missed the  
driver's face by about six  
inches. Troopers in Battle  
Creek said they were kept busy  
escorting trucks away from a  
local truck stop where similar  
incidents were reported.

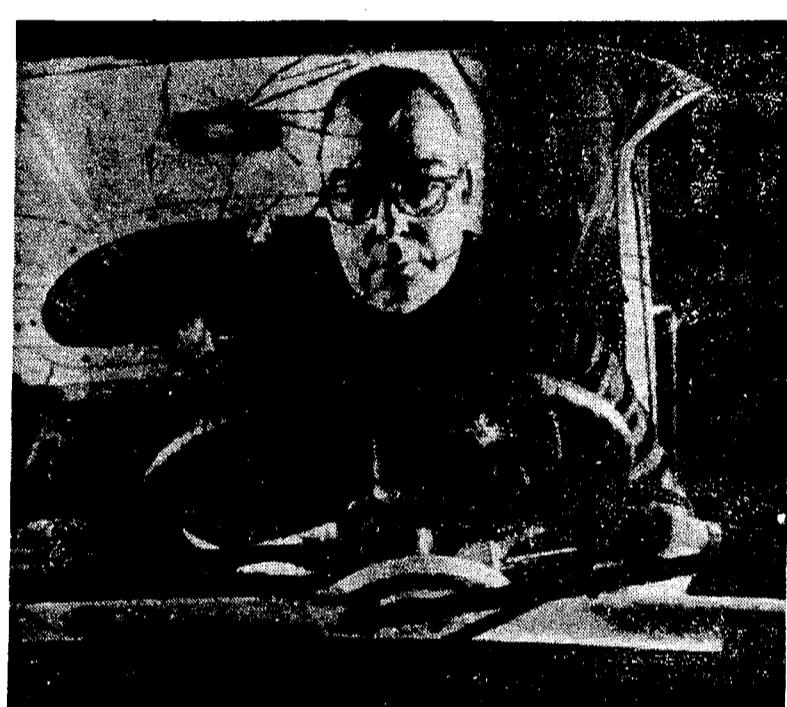
If a scattered survey of  
striking truckers is any indica-  
tion, Michigan drivers may  
remain off the job for some  
time, at least until the weekend.

Mike Tyrrell, a meat-hauler  
from Allen Park, complained  
federal negotiators "haven't of-  
fered us anything new. They say  
we can make toll-free calls to  
complain about price gouging,



**HEARING IS PACKED:** Committee hearing  
Thursday on whether county-owned Berrien  
General Hospital at Berrien Center should get new  
surgery was packed with some 50 persons. All but  
one of 12 speakers favored it. Berrien County  
Medical Society was opposed. Among 13 commit-

tee men present several are seen at table in  
foreground (clockwise, from left foreground) Robert  
Bradburn, Dr. Weldon Cooke, Howard  
Parker, Robert Tynes and Ray Tutwiller. (Staff  
photo)



**NAILED:** Coated nails hurled against the truck of Bill Daniels of Manistee damaged windshield Wednesday night while he was southbound on M-37 near Grant. Daniels was unhurt. (AP Wirephoto)

## Woman Is Charged In Husband's Death

A Berrien Center woman has been charged  
with the shooting death of her husband who was  
found in the couple's home last Sunday some 10  
to 12 days after he was killed.

Taken into custody at Lee Memorial hospital  
in Dowagiac was Mrs. Joyce Johnson, 33. She  
was taken from the hospital and admitted to  
Riverwood mental health center in St. Joseph.

Berrien Prosecutor John Smietanka said doc-  
tors at Riverwood will determine when Mrs.  
Johnson is able to go to her arraignment in dis-  
trict court.

She is charged with the murder of her hus-  
band, Carroll D. Johnson, of M-140, Berrien  
Center. His body was found in an unheated room  
in the Johnson residence Sunday by two  
teenagers attending a birthday party at the  
home.

Smietanka said Mrs. Johnson was arrested on  
an open charge of murder on a warrant he

authorized and which was signed by Fifth Dis-  
trict Judge John T. Hammond.

The prosecutor said Mrs. Johnson was for-  
mally arrested at Lee Memorial by Undersheriff  
Paul Parrish of Cass county, and then remanded to  
Berrien authorities.

Smietanka was at the hospital when she was  
arrested, as were sheriff's officers Det. Capt.  
Ron Immoos, Capt. Gerald Hass, and Det. Jon  
Nichols.

Mrs. Johnson had been admitted to the hospital  
Sunday for what was termed "observation."

Mr. Johnson's death had previously been at-  
tributed to gunshot wounds by a Berrien  
medical examiner. He had been employed as a  
millwright at Auto Specialties Co. in St. Joseph.  
Mrs. Johnson was not employed.

There are seven children in the Johnson  
family, ages 3 to 15 years.

## Trucker Charged In Incident

WHITE CLOUD, Mich. (AP) — A 30-year-old  
Newaygo man, accused by police of throwing  
debris at a passing truck, has been arraigned on a  
felonious assault charge.

Herschel Morgan was released on his own  
personal recognizance Thursday following his  
arraignment in White Cloud District Court. He

demanded examination but no date was set.

Police said Morgan threw rocks and nails at a  
truck from a passing car on Michigan 37 near  
Grant in Newaygo County.

The alleged incident occurred early Thurs-  
day, police said.

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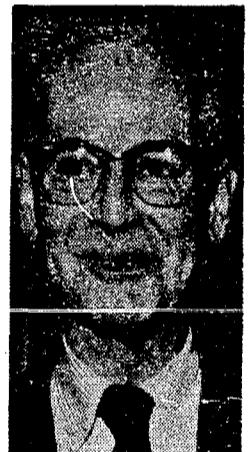


**DISSATISFIED DRIVERS:** Terms of an apparent  
nationwide settlement between independent truck  
drivers and government did not satisfy a group of  
about 50 drivers as they confronted police at a

Holland truck stop yesterday after blocking four  
semi-trucks in M-21 truck stop parking lot. Victims  
of the blockade were trucks from the Key Line

trucking company of Grand Rapids. Ottawa Holland  
police, assisted by county sheriff's deputies, and  
state police from South Haven and Grand Haven

posts, towed several cars away from truck stop  
(right), allowing trucks to leave. There were no  
arrests reported (Tom Renner photos)



**SAMUEL CREDEN**  
Surgery Bid

and Memorial hospitals in the  
twin cities squeeze BGH out of  
existence.

Several speakers praised the  
quality of care patients get at  
BGH and said it has an open-  
door policy, regardless of race,  
cash or insurance.

If SWMCHP disapproves the  
new surgery, BGH may miss the  
March 31 deadline unless it  
appeals directly to the state  
health department, Creden said.

If SWMCHP okays it, BGH  
would take construction bids  
under the fairly certain as-  
sumption that the state health  
department will approve too, he  
said.

The area health planning as-  
sociation has the responsibility  
under federal-state law to de-  
termine whether the new sur-  
gery is needed, with the state  
health department having final  
authority.

